

Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA

§ 1487.5

FAS—Foreign Agricultural Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

Participant—An entity which has entered into a TASC agreement with the CCC.

Specialty crop—all cultivated plants, or the products thereof, produced in the United States, except wheat, feed grains, oilseeds, cotton, rice, peanuts, sugar, and tobacco.

TASC—Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops.

United States—the fifty states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico.

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§ 1487.2 What is the TASC program?

Under the TASC program, CCC, an agency and instrumentality of the United States within the Department of Agriculture, provides funds to eligible organizations, on a grant basis, to implement activities that are intended to address a sanitary, phytosanitary, or related technical barrier that prohibit or threaten the export of U.S. specialty crops that are currently available on a commercial basis. The TASC program is intended to benefit the represented industry rather than a specific company or brand. This program is administered by FAS.

§ 1487.3 What activities are eligible?

(a) *General*. In order to be eligible for funding under the TASC program, activities must address sanitary, phytosanitary, or technical barriers to export of specialty crops. Examples of expenses that CCC may agree to cover under the TASC program include, but are not limited to: initial pre-clearance programs, export protocol and work plan support, seminars and workshops, study tours, field surveys, development of pest lists, pest and disease research, database development, reasonable logistical and administrative support, and travel and per diem expenses.

(b) *Location of activities*. Eligible projects may take place in the United States or abroad.

§ 1487.4 Are there any limits on the scope of proposals?

(a) *Funding cap*. TASC proposals which request more than \$250,000 of

CCC funding in a given year will not be considered.

(b) *Length of activities*. TASC proposals to fund activities that exceed three years will not be considered.

(c) *Target countries*. Proposals may target all export markets, including single countries or reasonable regional groupings of countries.

(d) *Multiple proposals*. Applicants may submit multiple proposals, but no TASC participant may have more than three approved projects underway at any given time.

§ 1487.5 What is the process for submitting proposals?

(a) *General*. Periodically the CCC will inform the public of the process by which interested eligible organizations may submit proposals for TASC program funding. This announcement will, among other things, include information on any deadlines for submitting proposals and the address of the office to which the proposals should be sent. The CCC also may announce the availability of a Quick Response Fund within the TASC program. Proposals submitted under any form of quick response process may be submitted at any time during the year but must meet the basic requirements of the program and any specific requirements of that particular process. Organizations interested in participating in the TASC program may submit their proposals electronically or in paper copy. Although no specific format is required, a sample format for proposals is available from the address provided in this rule.

(b) *Contents of proposals*. TASC proposals must contain complete information about the proposed projects, including, at a minimum, the following:

(1) Organizational information, including:

(i) Organization's name, address, Chief Executive Officer (or designee), and Federal Tax Identification Number (TIN);

(ii) Type of organization;

(iii) Name, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address of the primary contact person;

(iv) A description of the organization and its membership; and